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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Shigeto HIRAGA et al.
Serial No.: 10/602,621
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING A DATABASE
AND PROCESSING PROGRAM THEREFOR
Group: 2165
Examiner: M. Hicks

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 23, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2005, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 23, 2005, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6.

Remarks are included following the amendments.